The Chosen Geese

"The Chosen" (July 28) about a new "Jewish Peace Corps" brought memories of the Jewish peace corps I started, in agriculture, in 1962. (The Associated Press dubbed it "Geese for Peace.")

The U.S. Peace Corps selected the countries to which I gave the fowl. The last country to receive geese was Ghana, where American installations were then being torched. Kwame Nkrumah was so entranced by the gift that the Ghanaian ambassador to the U.S. was called back to greet the fowl. And they were kept at the presidential palace!

Aside from helping those in need, I'd hoped to teach our government that the desperately poor lands could not begin with the advanced argicultural projects we were then providing. I selected geese because they provide protein, and they devour waste-weeds (they were then being used in the U.S. for strawberry and cotton farming).

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As I recall my letter may made many mistakes